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Term 1, Issue 1, 9th of February 2011

Holidays

Thursday 10th February 2011

Parent Information Evening Yr 1 to Yr 5
7pm.

Friday 11th February 2011

Middle / Senior School "Survivor Day"
Students to wear Sport Uniform.

Monday 14th February 2011

2010 Class Carers meeting 1.30pm.

Tuesday 15th February 2011

Senior School Parent Information
Evening 7pm.

Thursday 17th February 2011

Middle School Parent Information
Evening 7pm.

Friday 18th February 2011

Family Tea at Flinders Park at 6.00pm.
BYO everything. PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF DATE

Friday 11th March 2011

Sports Day.

I hope all of you had a great holiday and were able to take some time off to share with your family.

With both Stuart's and my vocation as teachers we find that some of our holidays we can spend together, which I must say is something that I really enjoy. Our shared time enables us to catch up with each other and spend some much needed 'R & R', talking about all the things we've neglected to discuss over the previous term's busy-ness. It also enables us to work through the endless list of jobs that we never seem to get to whilst we are working.

This Christmas break was just like that. We caught up with many of those extra jobs. Whilst we were in Adelaide I cleaned the oven, fridge, cupboards, etc, got rid of cobwebs that seemed to have found their way into many nooks and crannies, (knowing perfectly well that Tylar wouldn't get around to any of these jobs), painted and even found time for gardening, which I love to do.

Having moved into a townhouse in Lincoln I have been unable to be surrounded by a garden of roses, which is one of my great loves. However I have a few pots that keep my passion for roses growing, as well as having 3 large rose paintings in my home, painted by Kapunda artist, Jacqueline Coates. This passion has arisen through my father who loved roses and could name just about any that he came across. He had many favorites, but his most favorite of all, now my favorite, is the Pierre de Ronsard. It is an incredible bloom with so many intricate petals intertwining within each other, in a gorgeous cream with deep pink edges, Now they have created a Ronsard red which is awesome.

Let's consider the nature of the rose. At the base of the bush is a horned like trunk which leads to a thorny stem. This stem, with its large thorns will often badly damage anything it comes into contact with. Just when the bush looks horrific and menacing, at the end is the most beautiful, fragrant, delicate flower. This gorgeous bloom enriches us with its beauty and is often the basis for many aromas in the perfume industry.

Our lives can sometimes be parallel to nature and the rose bush is no exception. Through the many dividing, thorny branches our lives can be entangled by hurdles that can damage and hurt us. However, when we look at the end of each of these branches we can often be surrounded by the beauty and serenity of the most life giving and loving bloom that blossoms through our lives and leads us to understand the true nature of the journey we have just been through. God challenges us to accept the thorns of our lives as they are a way of growth and understanding and in doing so we can then be thankful of the future blossoms we experience.

The Bible says: "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians, 12:10. The rose bloom, its wonderful aroma and its gracious beauty is the strength behind the legacy of the thorny stem.

In the meantime I will just keep on enjoying those lovely blooms!

Kaye Mathwin-Cox



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome, welcome, welcome! We have had an incredible start to the year with new staff, new students and a wonderful new 'Cluster 3' building. Our school is certainly growing. A huge welcome to all our families and a special welcome to new families to the College. It is our prayer that you love our Navigator College community as much as we do.

The Navigator College staff for 2011 are as follows:

Leadership:

Kaye Mathwin – Cox	Principal
Lyn Coote	Head of Curriculum
Stephen Jude	Head of Junior School
Stuart Cox	Head of Middle/Senior School
Liz Smith	Business Manager

Teaching Staff - Junior School:

Elise Kimber	Reception
Naomi Woodstock	Reception
Kelly Freeman	Yr 1
Pam Treasure	Yr 2/3
Emma Sharrad	Yr 2/3
Tania Masters	Yr 4/5
Gemma Lienert	Yr 4/5

Teaching Staff - Middle School:

Sarah Hodgson	Yr 6 Home Class
Rowan Miegel/Sheree Zacher	Yr 7 Home Class
Greg Maxfield/Fleur Slater	Yr 8 Home Class
Alysha Kerin/Lachlan Toogood	Yr 8 Home Class
Andrew Jericho/Bill Kannussaar	Yr 9 Home Class

Teaching Staff - Senior School:

Michelle Hilder/Stuart Cox	Yr 10 Home Class
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Non Teaching Staff:

Leanne Gardner	Admin Officer
Julia Thiele	Admin Officer
Di Moseby	Principal's Assistant
Kylie Window	Curriculum Support Officer
Michelle Jude	Curriculum Support Officer
Sue Thiel	Finance Officer
Uta McQuillan	Librarian
Nick Foster	IT Technician
Brandon Sincock	IT Technician
Mark Thiel	Chaplain
Craig Smith	Grounds & Maintenance
Helen Sulda	Cleaner
Melissa Perin	Cleaner

Please note that our Special Education / Adaptive Education students will be monitored by Stephen Jude in Junior School and Stuart Cox in Middle and Senior School. Parents with concerns about their child's learning needs are asked to first contact the child's class teacher who will then make an appointment to

meet with the Head of School and all relevant people.

AWARDS FOR 2010

Congratulations again to our College Captains who were announced at the End of Year Service in 2010. These students were chosen by our staff and students considering the criteria of: leadership, responsible behaviour, effort in academics, impeccable appearance and service to others. After presenting a speech to the College community, the students voted and our Captains were decided. We wish you well with your 2011 leadership as College Captains and look forward to witnessing each of you as you grow in these most important leadership positions.

Katelyn Smart	Senior School Captain
Joshua Santostefano	Senior School Captain
Sophie Hood	Middle School Captain
Timothy Kidney	Middle School Captain
Emily Backen	Junior School Captain
Callan Averay	Junior School Captain

We would also like to acknowledge the House Awards recipients for 2010. These awards went to the students who demonstrated leadership qualities throughout the year. The students have shown outstanding effort in their academic work, service to others, and sportsmanship towards others. They also have shown themselves to communicate responsibly and admirably towards all in the College Community:

Galileo	Justin Sheppard
Hadley	Callan Averay
Hipparchus	Chelsea Hart
Magellan	Kira Minchin

The **State Parliamentary Award** was also presented at the End of Year Service. This award acknowledges the importance that education plays in providing young people in our community the confidence, knowledge and skills to become successful leaders. We were delighted to present this award to a very worthy recipient, Justin Sheppard.

The **Lois Pfitzner Sports Trophy and the Swimming trophy**, were both awarded to the **Magellan House**. A huge congratulations to the Magellan team for their triumph in both Trophies. The **Kingsley Macdonald Trophy** which is a culmination of points awarded for sporting events, effort in academic achievement and service to others was awarded to **Hadley House**. Congratulations to the members of the Hadley team!

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BUSHFIRE SEASON

Term 1 and Term 4 are times when we all need to be aware of the possibility of a bushfire.

It was decided in 2009 that the State Government will close high-risk public schools and preschools in specific fire ban districts on days when the fire danger index is at Catastrophic (Code red) level. As a non-government school we will also need to close the College during Catastrophic days. This preventative action to close schools will be taken to help keep our children and staff safe during the most serious fire danger weather.

Once it has been decided to close the College an advance warning will be provided to parents before the possible closure via an sms. With this in mind the office will be testing the sms system to make sure parents can be alerted as soon as possible when there is a Catastrophic day – which, if notified early will be a school closure day. Please be aware that this test will be sent in the next week so keep an eye out for it and please alert the office if you did not receive the sms. Thank you in anticipation.

The notifications of Catastrophic fire risk days is also expected to be widely publicised in the media. In addition, Department of Education and Childrens Services (DECS) has a hotline which will operate the day before the Catastrophic fire risk day and the day of the Catastrophic fire risk. The number is 1800 000 279. Information on schools to be shut will also be on a web site. www.bushfirereadyschools.sa.gov.au Both sources of information are expected to be widely publicised.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be attended by Julia or Leanne from Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 4:00pm. Phone calls before that time may be re-directed to the answering machine as Staff Devotion is held each morning at 8:10am. We have noticed in the past week that there are some children that are being dropped off before 8:30am. Please be aware that there is no one to supervise your children on the College grounds before 8:30am as all staff are having their Devotion time.

STAGGERED BELL TIMES FOR 2011

To help ease the difficulty with parking particularly at the end of the school day, the College Council will continue with staggered finishing times for this year. The Junior School (Rec to Yr 5) end of day bell will sound at 3:00pm and the Middle/Senior School (Yr 6-10) end of day bell will sound at 3:10pm. Parents with

children in Junior and Middle/Senior School are asked to pick up their children at 3:10pm, to allow the Middle School/Senior School day to continue without disruption until that time. (Junior School students will stay in their classrooms with their teachers if this is the case.) We are hoping this will alleviate, or at least lessen any parking issues. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but are ultimately considering the safety and wellbeing of all the students. Also please note the school day begins at 8.45am. Thank you.

FAMILY TEA

The Class Carers are organising a Family Tea on Friday the 18th of February at 6.00pm (the second Friday of Term 1, 2011) at Flinders Park. This will be a great opportunity for families (new and old) to meet and greet each other over an informal 'BYO everything' tea. Hope to see you all there.

God Bless,

Kaye

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Parents will shortly receive an invoice for Term 1 fees. Please note the composite fee and voluntary building fund donation have been added to this account. The school card discount (if eligible) will not be applied until the school card application form has been submitted, and notification of approval has been received from the government. For those families who elected to pay yearly, a new invoice will be issued in the near future. Liz Smith, Business Manager.

GOVERNMENT RURAL SCHOOL BUS NEW APPLICATIONS

The Port Lincoln DECS school bus service is a free service to support rural families who have school aged children living 5 or more kilometres from the nearest state school. Navigator College students that were travelling on this service in 2010 have been accepted for 2011, however, if your child is a new enrolment to our College you will need to collect an application form from the front office.

Where bus space is available, **new** applications from Navigator College students will be considered by the administrating school, Port Lincoln Primary. This will occur at the next combined schools meeting on the 14th of February. Therefore, it is imperative that you return these forms to the front office **before Friday the 11th of February**. A confirmation of your child's bus

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travel application approval will follow the meeting. Thank you, Di Moseby.

UNIFORM OPENING TIMES

The Uniform Shop will be open each Tuesday morning from 8.30am until 9am and on Thursdays from 3pm until 4pm. We ask that parents please try and adhere to these opening times. Thank you.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The school Newsletter is printed off each Wednesday and sent home with the youngest in each family, or emailed if requested. For the first couple of weeks until all forms package details have been processed, all youngest in the family will take one home. Those on last year's email list will still receive one as well. Thank you for your patience.

NATIONAL POLICE CERTIFICATE FOR VOLUNTEERS

The South Australian Police have advised that there has been a significant change in the process for obtaining National Police Certificates for Volunteers. The change in process means that the school will not put the Volunteer Organisation Number (VOAN) on the National Police Check Application (Form PD267) until after the person has been to the police station, shown the 100 point ID check and the Station stamp is applied. This means that there is a tightening up of security and the use of the VOAN.

There is a new PD267 form, designed to meet scanner requirements, available online and applicants are encouraged to complete page 1 online, then print the form. All the details can be found on the South Australian police website www.police.sa.gov.au

FORMS PACKAGES

A forms package has been sent home with the youngest child in each family. Please read this through thoroughly and complete the information required as soon as possible. A separate Student Medical and Health Information form has been sent home with EACH child also. Thank you to those who have returned their forms.

TERM DATES FOR 2011

The term dates for 2011 are as follows:

Term 1 7th of February - 15th of April

Term 2 2nd of May - 1st of July

Term 3 25th of July - 30th of September

Term 4 17th of October - 16th of December

Please note that the teachers will again attend a Personal Development week during the last week of Term 2, from the 28th of June to the 2nd of July, with only one other Pupil Free Day, that being the Lutheran Staff Conference in September.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parent Information Evenings will be held in the next two weeks. A list of your child's Parent Information Evening is listed on page one of this newsletter. Please note that this is a parent only evening as it gives you information pertinent to your child. Letters have been sent home with more information.

WEEKLY SPORT LESSONS

The day students are required to wear their sports uniform are as follows:

Year Reception - each Tuesday

Years 1 to 5 - each Wednesday

Middle/Senior School (Yr 6-10) will be advised in a note home as the timetable is yet to be finalised. **For this first week they are asked to wear their sports uniform on Friday.**

FOR SALE: 2010 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

For those who missed purchasing a copy of last year's school magazine at the end of year service, we still have copies available at the front office for \$15.

FLUTE LESSONS

Mrs Margaret Murchison is again offering flute lessons to interested students. The lessons will be conducted at the school on Thursday mornings. If interested please collect a form from the front office. Thank you.

'LITTLE TACKERS' FELLOWSHIP GROUP

A 'Little Tackers' newsletter will be sent home this week to children aged between 5 and 9 years inviting them to become involved in this program. A contact number is on the form for further information.